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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - FEBRUARY 12-14, 1977

1. U.S. COVERAGE:

--MAJOR AUTHORITATIVE ARTICLE IN FEB 12 PRAVDA
ON "WHAT LIES BEHIND THE CLAMOR ABOUT 'HUMAN RIGHTS'"
REPORTED MOSCOW 2042.

--ON THE CONTROVERSY BETWEEN "HAWKS" AND
"DOVES" IN THE U.S. --FEB12 KZ DESCRIBES USIA AS
SERVING U.S. OPPONENTS OF DETENTE AS A "COORDINATING
CENTER" FOR AN ANTI-SOVIET PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN DIRECTED
ABROAD THROUGH VOA.

--V. KORINOV IN FEB 13 PRAVDA PROVIDES A
CONVENTIONAL TREATMENT OF EFFORTS BY U.S. "HAWKS" TO
SCUTTLE DETENTE AND THEIR INABILITY TO DERAIL TRENDS
TOWARD A U.S.-SOVIET ARMS AGREEMENT; HE DECLARES USSR
TO BE READY TO MOVE IN THIS DIRECTION.

--PRAVDA FEB 13 CONTINUES TO PORTRAY WARNKE'S
UNACCEPTABILITY TO U.S. "HAWKS" IN SPITE OF HIS PENTAGON
CREDENTIALS.

--FEB 12 IZVESTIYA AND FEB 13 KZ REPORT TESTS
OF CRUISE MISSILES OFF CALIFORNIA COAST.

SOVIET MEDIA COVERAGE OF THE U.S. INTERNAL SCENE INCLUDES:

--CORRUPTION IN THE U.S. LABOR MOVEMENT AND
CONVICTION OF LABOR ACTIVISTS ON FRAMED CHARGES (FEB 14
PRAVDA);

--OFFICIAL U.S. STATISTICS CONCEAL THE TRUE
EXTENT OF UNEMPLOYMENT (FEB 12 PRAVDA).

ON A MORE POSITIVE NOTE:

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--SUCCESSFUL (AND UNEVENTFUL) CONCERT BY
EMIL GILELS IN NYC (FEB 11 IZVESTIYA);

--INTERVIEW WITH PIANIST VAN CLIBURN ON THE
VREMYA TV NEWS SHOW FEB 13.

--PRAVDA'S COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN (FEB 13)
BY VSEVOLOD KALININ DENOUNCES REPORTED U.S. PLANS TO
FOSTER A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH MICRONESIA
AFTER 1980-81, AS WELL AS PENTAGON'S EFFORTS TO BUILD
MORE STRATEGIC BASES IN THE AREA AS PART OF ITS "ISLAND
CONCEPTION."

2. EUROPE:

--FINGER-POINTING EXERCISE IN HUMAN RIGHTS
CONTINUES WITH VENGEANCE IN WEEKEND PRESS, MOSTLY PRAVDA,
WITH LONG ARTICLES ON ULSTER CASE IN STRASBOURG, GENEVA
UN HRC DISCUSSION OF ISRAELI VIOLATIONS, AND STORIES
ON CHILE AND PARAGUAY. U.S. DOES NOT ESCAPE AS TASS
NEW YORK REPORTS ON POLICE REPRESSION OF MINORITIES.

--VISIT TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA OF CP DELEGATION
HEADED BY KAPITONOV ENDED FEB 12 WITH MEETING WITH
HUSAK AND RETURN TO USSR.

3. ASIA:

--ON INDIA, PRAVDA (FEB 14) REPORTS THE POST-
PONEMENT OF PODGORNYY'S VISIT AND SAYS THAT ANOTHER DATE
WILL BE WORKED OUT. PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA (FEB 12)
CARRY THE CONDOLENCE MESSAGE FROM BREZHNEV, PODGORNYY
AND KOSYGIN TO ACTING PRESIDENT JATTI AND PRIME MINISTER
GANDHI ON THE DEATH OF INDIA'S PRESIDENT ALI AHMED,
AND REPORT THE SOVIET SIGNERS OF THE CONDOLENCE BOOK AT
THE INDIAN EMBASSY THE PREVIOUS DAY: PODGORNYY, SUPREME
SOVIET DEPUTY CHAIRMAN BAIBAKOV, SUPREME SOVIET SECRETARY
GEORGADZE, FIRST DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER KUZNETSOV,
ARMY GENERAL PETROV AND DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER FIRYUBIN.
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PRAVDA (FEB 13) AND IZVESTIYAA (FEB 12) REPORT THAT THE
SOVIET DELEGATION TO THE FUNERAL, WHICH FLEW TO DELHI
ON FEB 12, INCLUDED SUPREME SOVIET DEPUTY CHAIRMAN
MAGCHANOV, GEORGADZE, FIRYUBIN AND SOVIET AMBASSADOR
MAL'TSEV.

--KZ' "INTERNATIONAL MILITARY-POLITICAL
OBSERVATIONS" (FEB 13) BY A. MALYSHKIN AND V. VINOGRADOV,
STRONGLY ATTACKS THE PROPOSED 12 PERCENT INCREASE IN JAPAN'S
MILITARY BUDGET. THE ARTICLE NOTES THAT "JAPAN
AGREES" TO AN INCREASED MILITARY ROLE IN THE FAR EAST
"TO FURTHER" THE CREATION OF A THREE-CORNERED WASHINGTON-
TOKYO-SEOUL RELATIONSHIP TO OBSTRUCT THE PEACEFUL
RESOLUTION OF THE KOREAN PROBLEM.

--PRAVDA'S COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN (FEB 14) BY
IGOR ASIN CALLS ON THAILAND TO "CEASE PROVOCATIONS" AGAINST
LAOS AND CAMBODIA. THE ITEM CITES THE LAOTIAN MFA NOTE
(APLSD REPORTED ON PRAVDA'S FRONT PAGE FEB 13) PROTESTING
THE RECENT SHELLING OF PARTS OF VIENTIANE.
ASIN CHARGES THAT THAI TERRITORY HAS BEEN USED FOR
"ANALAGOUS" ACTS AGAINST CAMBODIA AND VIETNAM, BUT
HE DOES NOT GIVE SPECIFICS.

4. MIDDLE EAST:

--PRAVDA (FEB 12) CARRIES A COMMENTARY BY
YU. GLUKHOV CRITICIZING THE ALLEGED "SECRET DEAL"
BETWEEN THE U.S. AND OMAN TO PERMIT U.S. FORCES TO USE
THE BASE AT MASIRAH. KZ FEB 13 "INTERNATIONAL MILITARY-
POLITICAL OBSERVATIONS" MAKES THE SAME POINT ABOUT
MASIRAH AND ADDS CONCERN ABOUT REPORTED PENTAGON'S
EFFORTS TO GAIN ACCESS TO THE BASE AT BAHRAIN (DAO SEPTTEL).

--PRAVDA FEB 14 CARRIES TASS NEW YORK REPORT
ON UNSYG WALDHEIM'S TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST. BESIDES
DESCRIBING THE TALKS AND REITERATING THE NEED TO
RECONVENE GENEVA CONFERENCE, THE ITEM REPORTS THAT
WALDHEIM INDICATED THAT ISRAEL HAD "REFUSED TO GIVE
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ITS AGREEMENT" TO PLO PARTICIPATION AT GENEVA.

--PRAVDA FEB 14 CARRIES A TASS NICOSIA
ARTICLE REPORTING THE MEETING BETWEEN MAKARIOUS AND
DENKTASH (WITH UNSYG WALDHEIM PRESENT), AND THE TWO
SIDES AGREEMENT TO RESUME TALKS IN VIENNA IN MARCH.

--IZVESTIYA FEB 12 REPORTS THE RESULTS OF THE
EGYPTIAN REFERENDUM, BUT ADDS THAT "CRITICS" COMPLAIN
THAT NEW EGYPTIAN LAWS WILL FURTHER "RESTRICT THE
FREEDOM OF POLITICAL ACTIVITIES."

5. AFRICA:

--PRAVDA'S INTERNATIONAL WEEK COMMENTARY
FEB 13 BY VITALIY KORINOV REPORTS FAVORABLY ON THE
CONCLUSION OF FRELIMO'S THIRD CONGRESS IN MAPUTO,
AND ON THE FORMATION OF THE NEW REVOLUTIONARY PARTY
IN TANZANIA AS IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE LIVES
OF THE PEOPLE OF "TROPICAL AFRICA." KORINOV ADDS A
SHARP SLAP AT AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S MISSION, SAYING THAT
IT SHOWS U.S. CONCERN THAT THE "NATIONAL LIBERATION
MOVEMENTS "THREATEN" NOT ONLY THE RACIST REGIMES BUT
ALSO THE POSITIONS OF AMERICAN AND ENGLISH MONOPOLIES"
WHICH EXPLOIT THE PEOPLES OF THE REGION.

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